



**Lees Brook  
Academy**

Wednesday 21 December 2022

Dear parents & carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. It has been amazing to open up our doors to parents and host a variety of events, trips and activities for the students and parents/carers including year 7 settling in evening, Children in Need dress down day, RSE consultation evenings, subject evenings, Duke of Edinburgh Award evenings, the winter fair, our Christmas concert amongst many other events. In addition, students have enjoyed a trip to the pantomime, Derby University, the West End, Castleton, Empower Careers event and even Berlin. We share as much information as we can on our website and our Facebook page, so please keep checking it for our updates.

#### Reward update:

This half term has seen the students reach nearly 140,000 positive points. Students have received their bronze, silver and gold certificates and badges this week, we hope they will all pin these to their blazers as they should be very proud of their achievements. We have also ended the term with a huge Golden and Platinum ticket draw where we have given out over £500 worth of Amazon vouchers- well done to the lucky winners.

Throughout December we have been running our first ever attendance advent where students who are in school every day in December had the chance of winning a prize. We have given away numerous selection boxes, vouchers, Boots gift sets, Kindles, an Ipad and a mountain bike. Last week saw our second Rainbow Rewards week of the term, over 1000 tickets were given out which students swap their cards for a Malteser Reindeer or Christmas JellyPop.

#### Uniform

It is vital that all students have the correct uniform when they return in January including a bag, school equipment, a school tie for their year and correct school shoes (as well as the rest of the uniform). Ties can now be purchased on PARENTMAIL. Please log on to the PARENTMAIL app with your log in and follow the links to purchasing a tie. Once complete, students can collect the tie in school from Student Reception. Students who are not wearing the correct uniform will not be able to attend their usual lessons and will be placed in the ILU until the issues are resolved. We are aware that many people may be struggling financially at present so if you are struggling with the cost of uniform please email us on [schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk](mailto:schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk) detailing your child's name and individual circumstances where we can offer support where possible.

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## PE Lessons

Please can we remind you that if your child is unwell or injured, we require a note at the start of the lesson. Without a note from home, we cannot excuse your child from the lesson. If your child is excused from the lesson, they will still need to attend PE lessons and get changed into their PE kit. We ask for the pupils to get changed as they take part in the lesson in some other capacity, for example as a referee or coach. It is important that pupils are still engaged and involved in PE lessons, even if they are physically unable to take part in the lesson. Changing into PE kit means that the pupils are still involved and if outside, their school uniform won't be affected by bad weather.

The weather is much colder now but PE lessons will still take place outside depending on the activity. Therefore, we encourage pupils to layer up. They can wear black skins under their Lees Brook T-shirt, a Lees Brook jumper and primarily black tracksuit bottoms (with a minimal logo) if they would like. We only ask that their top layer is either the Lees Brook t-shirt or Lees Brook Jumper, so that the badge is visible at all times.

We start back in January on 9th January 2023 with our Year 11 Subject evening on the 11th January. We will be welcoming a number of Post 16 providers including colleges, sixth form providers and apprenticeship companies, so parents and students can gather information about the various pathways on offer. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Most of us look forward to the school breaks with great excitement but for some young people it can be a time of anxiety, especially for those who rely on regular face-to-face contacts with their friends or who enjoy the security and structure provided by the school day. Our academy emergency safeguarding email is [safeguarding@leesbrook.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@leesbrook.co.uk). Further information and sources of support can be found in the parent section of our website.

A final reminder, that our academy is completely closed from 2pm on Wednesday 21st December until Tuesday 3rd January. This means our phone lines are unmanned during this time. You can email [schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk](mailto:schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk) and our admin team will prioritise these emails when they return on 3rd January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year. All students return to school at 8.35am on Monday 9th January, and we look forward to welcoming them back then.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Clare Watson' with a stylized circular flourish at the beginning.

Clare Watson  
Principal